

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-236-G ORDER NO. 2021-133-H**

**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Exploration and Review of the Gas Purchasing Policies and Practices of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. Pursuant to Commission Directive Dated July 21, 2021 Issued in Docket No. 2021-4-G**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Petition to Intervene of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (“Transco” or “the Company”)**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:**

**This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC. The Petition is timely filed, and no objections to the intervention have been filed.**

**After it has been determined that the Petition has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party has clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that a party making a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the SC Public Service Commission must:**

**set forth clearly and concisely:**

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;**
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;**
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.**

**Transco asserts that it has a substantial and specific interest in the subject matter of this Docket. Transco is a limited liability company duly formed and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. Transco is domesticated to conduct business in the State of South Carolina by the South Carolina Secretary of State’s Office. Transco states that it is a natural gas company engaged in the transportation and sale of natural gas in interstate commerce by means of its natural gas transmission system extending from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and the offshore Gulf of Mexico area through the States of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey to its termini in the New York City metropolitan area. Specifically, Transco notes that it has substantial business interests with**

both Piedmont and Dominion including but not limited to transportation and storage service agreements, interconnection agreements, pooling agreements, interruptible transportation agreements and park and loan agreements, all of which could be, on information and belief, substantially and adversely affected by decisions and/or orders issued by this Commission with relation to this Docket. Accordingly, Transco asserts that it has a direct and substantial interest in the subject matter of this Docket, and for those reasons, among others, Transco's interest in this proceeding cannot be adequately represented or protected by any other party.

Further, Transco notes that its participation would constructively add to this proceeding by contributing to the development of a complete record based on Transco's unique, substantial business interests with both Piedmont and Dominion. Lastly, Transco asserts that granting its request to intervene in this proceeding is in the public interest and is consistent with the policies of the Commission in encouraging maximum public participation in issues before it.

From these facts, this Hearing Officer holds that Transco has successfully satisfied the three criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. Transco's interest in this matter can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention, and the Company's position.

Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC is hereby granted in this Docket. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.